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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A pull-on disposable diaper comprising:

a liquid-pervious topsheet;

a liquid-impervious backsheet;

a liquid-absorbent core disposed between said topsheet and said backsheet;

a front waist region having transversely opposite side edges;

a rear waist region having transversely opposite side edges; and

a crotch region extending between said front and rear waist regions,

said front and rear waist regions being placed upon each other with said topsheet inside and said transversely opposite side edges of each of said front and rear waist regions being bonded directly together along their entire lengths to form a waist-opening and a pair of leg-openings, said diaper having an elastic stretchability circumferentially of said waist-opening and said leg-openings,

said diaper further comprising fastening tape strips for holding said diaper in a rolled up state for disposal after said diaper has been used, said fastening tape strips being provided on an outer

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surface of said liquid-impervious backsheet and extending in a longitudinal direction of said diaper in parallel to said transversely opposite side edges in at least one of said front and rear waist regions,

each of the fastening tape strips having longitudinally opposite end regions thereof bonded to the diaper in a vicinity of respective peripheral edges of said waist-opening and said leg-openings and an intermediate region extending between said longitudinally opposite end regions and including on an inner surface thereof an adhesive region adapted to be separately bonded on the outer peripheral surface of said diaper when said diaper is rolled up for disposal,

said intermediate region of each of said fastening tape strips describing an angle having an apex which apex projects outward transversely of said diaper.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said intermediate region of each of the fastening tape strips is temporarily bonded to the outer surface of said backsheet by means of said adhesive region provided in a vicinity of said transversely opposite side edge regions.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein each of said fastening tape strips is made of a flexible but non-stretchable plastic sheet.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said intermediate region of each of said fastening tapes strips is coated on an inner surface thereof with a pressure-sensitive adhesive.